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 on 9 March 1952, construction work was resumed on a large scale at Welzow airfield. Concreting was being done on the taxiway east of the runway. The extension of this taxiway to the southern end of the runway was being graded. Clearing and leveling was under way in the woods northwest of the south end of the runway for a planned taxiway west of the runway. Grading work for a third taxiway was being done on a strip extending from the southeastern corner of the eastern taxiway toward the east into the woods. It appeared that hardstands were planned along this strip. Such hardstands were apparently to be also constructed along the western taxiway. Heaps of broken stones, sand and stones were observed at the field. Cement was stored in the construction shed by the side of the spur track. Construction material was transported to the individual construction sites by a narrow-gauge field railway and a Diesel locomotive. Now low wooden buildings were under construction in the woods east of the runway, not far from the track. Civilians guarded the field. Guardhouses were being erected at all sides of the installation. Soviet soldiers were expected to arrive soon. Judging by flood lights around the field that work was also being done at night. *

* Comment. In the fall of 1951, when construction work was discontinued at Welzow airfield it was reported that construction would probably be resumed in the spring of 1952. This first report on resumed construction indicates that the field is to be improved in the same way as the jet bomber airfield in Brand and Verneuchen, where a taxiway on either side of the runway is planned or already under construction. This report contains the first information on a third taxiway with hardstands, which is to extend from the southeastern corner of the eastern taxiway toward the east. A sketch on the status of construction as of fall of 1951 when work was discontinued was previously transmitted.

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